

ORDINANCE NO. 6128

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TEMPORARILY ALLOWING THE
MAYOR TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF CITY EQUIPMENT AND
PERSONNEL OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS TO HELP ENSURE THE
HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY DURING THE
CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic is of the utmost concern the citizens of the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, emergency declarations concerning the pandemic have been made by the President, the Governor, and numerous mayors, including Mayor Matherly; and

WHEREAS, as is now widely known, COVID-19 is not impeded by political boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the effort to combat the spread of COVID-19 in Fairbanks is an area-wide effort; and

WHEREAS, FGC Sec. 2-656 limits the provision of City services to the political boundaries of the City of Fairbanks, unless the Council, by ordinance, approves the provision of City services outside of the City limits; and

WHEREAS, to ensure that community resources are brought to bear in this emergency as quickly as possible, the Mayor should be granted temporary authority to authorize the use of City equipment and personnel outside the boundaries of the City if needed; and

WHEREAS, Fairbanks Charter Section 3.6 allows the Council to introduce and enact an ordinance at the same meeting upon a finding that an emergency exists.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, as follows:

SECTION 1. For the reasons fully set forth in emergency Ordinance No. 6126, introduced and enacted on March 19, 2020, the Council finds that an emergency exists due to the COVID-19 pandemic that justifies this emergency ordinance.

SECTION 2. The Mayor is granted the authority to authorize the use of City equipment and personnel outside the boundaries of the City to help ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community during this public health emergency.


SECTION 3. This ordinance will be in effect from the date signed by the Mayor through the 31st day of May 2020, unless extended or terminated by the City Council.




Jim Matherly, City Mayor

AYES: Gibson, Cleworth, Kun, Therrien, Pruhs
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Rogers
ADOPTED: March 30, 2020

ATTEST:


D. Danyelle Snider, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney